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EXTRACT FROM THE CONSTITUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

V. The Committee of the Council

The Council shall appoint at each regular meeting a Committee of twelve members, to be called 'the Committee of the Council,' to act for it in the intervals between its meetings, with the right to fill vacancies in its own membership. The officers of the Council shall be members, *ex officio*, of the Committee, and shall serve as the officers of the Committee of the Council.

The Committee of the Council shall, as occasion may require, consult with the several National Missionary Organizations during the intervals between the meetings of the Council, in regard to the work entrusted to the Committee.

The Committee of the Council shall meet at the call of the officers of the Council, or upon request of a majority of the members of the Committee (sent to the Chairman or Secretaries in writing), or upon the request of three or more National Missionary Organizations. Five members of the Committee other than the officers shall constitute a quorum, provided, however, that these represent three different countries or national organizations and that at least one of them is a representative of a country outside the continent in which the meeting is held.

No action shall be taken or pronouncement made by the Committee of the Council except in matters of urgency and when the Committee is confident that the action or pronouncement will commend itself to the several National Missionary Organizations.

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MINUTES

THE Committee appointed by the International Missionary Council at its Meeting at Lake Mohonk met on July 27th–30th, 1922. At the invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Davidson, the meeting was held in the Old Palace at Canterbury.

The first session was on Thursday, July 27th, 1922, from 9 p.m to 10 p.m.

1. **Opening of the Meeting.** The Chairman of the Committee, Dr John R. Mott, opened the Meeting with the reading of Scripture, after which at his request the Committee was led in prayer by Sir Robert Williams and Dr Charles R. Watson.

2. **Members Present.** Dr John R. Mott, Chairman ; M. le pasteur Daniel Couve ; Baron C. W. Th. van Boetzelaer van Dubbeldam ; the Right Rev. George Lanchester King, D.D. ; Colonel Sir Robert Williams, Bart., M.P. ; the Rev. John H. Ritson, D.D. ; the Rev. R. Forgan, D.D. ; the Hon. Newton W. Rowell, LL.D., K.C. ; Mrs Henry W. Peabody ; the Rev. Arthur Judson Brown, D.D., LL.D. ; the Rev. James H. Franklin, D.D. ; the Rev. C. R. Watson, D.D. ; Kenneth Maclennan, Esq. ; Fennell P. Turner, Esq. ; J. H. Oldham, Esq. ; and the Rev. A. L. Warnshuis. Apologies for absence were received from the Rev. Frank Mason North, D.D., LL.D., and Mr James M. Speers. The Secretaries were requested to express the Committee's regret on account of the necessary absence of these two members, and to assure Mr Speers of their sincere sympathy in his bereavement.

3. **Visitors.** It was agreed to invite Miss Gollock, Joint Editor of the *International Review of Missions* ; Miss Hunter, Honorary Assistant Secretary of the Committee on Relations with Governments of the British Missionary Conference ; and Mr Basil Mathews, Director of the Press Bureau of the British Missionary Conference, to attend the meetings of the Committee as visitors.

4. **Programme.** After agreeing upon a time-table for its sessions each day, the Committee accepted a tentative agenda prepared by the Secretaries.

5. **Constitution of the Council.** The Secretaries reported that the Constitution adopted at the Lake Mohonk Meeting of the Council

had been approved by the following National Missionary Organizations, namely :—

Société Belge de Missions Protestantes au Congo.
Dansk Missionsraad.
Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris.
Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland.
Commissie van Advies (The Netherlands).
Norske Missioners Fälleskomite.
Foreign Missions Conference of North America (United States and Canada).
Suomen Yleinen Lähetystoimikunta (Finland).
Almänna Svenska Missionskonferensen.
Missionary Societies of Switzerland.

Resolutions of the Conference of German Missionary Societies at Halle, April 4th, 1922, were submitted. These resolutions authorized the Ausschuss to appoint two representatives on the Council without surrendering its right in the future to send the full number of six delegates in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

The Committee resolved to record its hearty satisfaction at the decision of the German Missionary Societies to appoint representatives to the International Missionary Council.

No information of any action regarding this Constitution has as yet been received from the following National Missionary Organizations, namely :—

United Missionary Council of Australia.
Missionary Societies of New Zealand.
Missionary Societies of South Africa.

6. **Members of the Council.** The National Missionary Organizations in the countries mentioned below have sent information regarding the following changes in the appointment of their representatives in the Council :—

Belgium—Monsieur le pasteur Henri Anet.
Denmark—Dr Theol. F. Torm and Count J. Moltke.
Germany—Missionsinspektor M. Schlunk and Missionsinspektor F. Würz.
Great Britain—Rev. F. Ashcroft ; Rev. C. C. B. Bardsley, D.D. ; Rev. C. H. Gill ; Miss M. V. Hunter ; Right Rev. George L. King, D.D. ; Rev. F. Lenwood ; Very Rev. J. N. Ogilvie, D.D. ; Rev. J. H. Ritson, D.D. ; The Lord Bishop of Salisbury ; Rev.

E. W. Thompson; Colonel Sir Robert Williams, Bart., M.P.; Rev. C. E. Wilson; Mrs T. Woods; Kenneth Maclennan, Esq.
Holland—Baron C. W. Th. van Boetzelaer van Dubbeldam and Rev. J. W. Gunning, D.D.
Finland—Rev. Matti Tarkkanen (alternate Mr Emil Saraoja).
Sweden—Dr Karl Fries and Missionsdirektor Eric Folke.

In the list of representatives from North America, the names of the Rev. James L. Barton, D.D., and Robert E. Speer, D.D., are to be substituted for the Rev. C. L. Patton, D.D., and the Rev. W. D. Mackenzie, D.D., who acted as substitutes for them at the Lake Mohonk Meeting.

These names are therefore substituted for those printed in the Minutes of the Lake Mohonk Meeting of the Council as the representatives of these National Missionary Organizations in the membership of the International Missionary Council. The representatives of the other National Missionary Organizations remain unchanged as printed in the Minutes of the Meeting at Lake Mohonk.

7. **Transfer of the Responsibilities of the Emergency Committee.** (Lake Mohonk Minutes, No. 36.) The Secretaries have received letters from all the members of the Emergency Committee of Co-operating Missions, approving without reservation of the following Minute :—

Whereas the International Missionary Council was formally constituted and organized at the Meeting at Lake Mohonk, U.S.A., October 1st-6th, 1921; and

Whereas the Emergency Committee of Co-operating Missions was organized to serve temporarily in certain matters in the place of the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference, which was prevented by the war from performing some of its functions; and

Whereas the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference has now transferred all its responsibilities, including the *International Review of Missions*, with the funds at its disposal, to the International Missionary Council (see International Missionary Council Minutes, No. 35);

Therefore the members of the Emergency Committee of Co-operating Missions hereby agree to transfer their responsibilities, with the funds at their disposal, to the International Missionary Council.

8. **Sub-Committees of the Continuation Committee of the Edin-**

burgh Conference. The secretaries have written to the members of the former Sub-Committees of the Continuation Committee of the World Missionary Conference of 1910, calling their attention to Minute No. 35 of the first meeting of the Council, according to which the responsibility and work of the Continuation Committee are transferred to the International Missionary Council, including all the work of that Committee's Sub-Committees, and requesting that any records or correspondence belonging to these Sub-Committees be deposited with the International Missionary Council. For the present such papers forwarded by individuals resident in North America have been deposited with the Committee of Reference and Counsel in New York City.

9. **Circulation of Minutes.** Principally through the missionary societies themselves, the Minutes of the Lake Mohonk Meeting of the Council have been widely circulated both among the members of the boards of missionary societies and the missionaries on the field. Two editions, amounting to a total of 8500 copies, have been printed, of which about 1000 copies remain to meet the demand which still continues to come from different parts of the field. Special efforts have been made by the secretaries to bring these Minutes to the attention of missionary conferences and co-operative organizations in all parts of the mission field.

10. **Circulation of Pamphlet on Educational Problems.** A large edition of the pamphlet on *Educational Problems in Mission Fields* was printed through the generous assistance of the Committee on Social and Religious Surveys. With the co-operation of the Chairman's office, these have been widely circulated among all the societies represented in the National Missionary Organizations composing the Council, and in the mission fields of Asia and Africa. The influence of these papers on missionary policy is already becoming evident.

11. **Representation on the Committee of the Council.** A letter was received from the Working Committee of the Swedish General Missionary Conference, calling attention to the large missionary work of the Churches in the Scandinavian countries, and expressing the opinion that a Scandinavian representative should have a seat on the Committee of the Council. It was agreed to refer this letter to the Council for consideration when appointing the Committee of the Council in 1923.

12. **Application for Membership.** The General Conference of Protestant Missionaries in the Congo, at its meeting in Bolenge, 1921, adopted a resolution requesting representation on the International Missionary Council. Attention was called to the large

number of conferences in different parts of the mission field, and it was agreed that the request of the Congo Conference should be borne in mind in the co-option of members to attend the Council's meeting in 1923.

The remainder of the session was given to a period of intercession, which was led by Pasteur Couve.

Second Session, July 28th, 9.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer led by Dr Ritson. In the course of the forenoon a period of intercession was led by Dr Watson.

13. Reports of Officers. Dr Mott reported with reference to the special duties assigned to him by the Council. After referring briefly to services rendered in connexion with the Washington Conference, and also to interviews with representatives of the French Government regarding missionary work in French colonies and other territories, he reported at length upon his visit to the Far East, and particularly with reference to the National Christian Conference which met in Shanghai in May, and the Conference in Japan, also in May. Each of these Conferences has taken steps to organize a National Christian Council.

Mr Oldham reported with reference to his visit to India, in which he had attended a number of Provincial Councils, and also the annual meeting of the National Missionary Council. He explained the proposed changes in the constitution of that Council and the suggested appointment of whole-time officers.

The Committee, after further consideration of questions arising out of these Conferences in India and the Far East, appointed a sub-committee to report on the subject at a later meeting. The sub-committee consisted of Dr Franklin, Dr Ritson, Mr Rowell, together with the officers of the Committee, the Executive Secretaries of the National Organizations in Great Britain and North America (Mr Maclennan and Mr Turner), and Mr Mathews.

Third Session, July 28th, 4.30–6.30 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer.

14. Accounts. The audited accounts of the International Missionary Council for the period April 1st–December 1st, 1921, and a statement of the accounts for the first six months of the year 1922, were presented. It was agreed to approve of the audited accounts as follows :—

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

I. *Income and Expenditure Account for nine months ending December 31st, 1921*

INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
I. Funds as at March 31st, 1921—			**I. Administration Expenses—**		
Funds in hands of the Treasurer of Conference of British Missionary Societies	£251 2 5		Salaries	£2143 0 9	
Sundry Debtors	112 12 7		General Office Expenses, including Printing, Stationery, and Postages	220 4 9½	
Balance of Contributions due from North America to the Budget for the year to March 31st, 1921	1534 2 2		Rent and Taxes; Cleaning, Lighting, and Heating	686 15 10	
		£1897 17 2			£3050 1 4½
II. Contributions to the Budget for nine months ending December 31st, 1921—			**II. Secretaries' Travelling Expenses—**		
North America	£1453 9 6		Expenses to International Meeting at Lake Mohonk	£417 11 5	
Great Britain	1217 17 0		Holland and Germany	38 7 8	
Almänna Svenska Missionskonferensen	58 11 0		India £550 4 0		
Société des Missions Evangéliques de Paris	12 0 0		*Less* Donation in aid of Expenses 50 0 0		
		2741 17 6		500 4 0	
			Miscellaneous Expenses	53 1 11	
					1009 5 0
III. Residue Funds in hands of the Treasurer, Continuation Committee, World Missionary Conference, transferred		264 18 11	**III. Expenses of Chairman's Office, New York, for period ending December 31st, 1921**		225 0 0
IV. Donation from North America to meet the travelling and removal expenses of Dr A. L. Warnshuis, from Shanghai	£472 11 9		**IV. Printing Minutes, etc., of International Meeting at Lake Mohonk**	£214 13 9	
Less Amount of Dr Warnshuis' Expenses	472 11 9		*Less* Donation on Account of Printing Outlays £126 11 8		
			Sales of Minutes 6 17 9		
				133 9 5	
					81 4 4
			Funds as at December 31st, 1921—		
			Funds on hand	£211 15 0½	
			Sundry Debtors £328 8 7		
			Balance of Contribution due from North America 1787 10 6		
				2115 19 1	
					2327 14 1½
V. Additional Sales of "Missionary Situation after the War."		1 0 9			
VI. Balance of Contribution due from North America for nine months ending December 31st, 1921		1787 10 6			
		£6693 4 10			£6693 4 10

INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARY COUNCIL

II. *Balance Sheet as at December 31st, 1921*

LIABILITIES				ASSETS				
I. Balance of Funds at this date, as per Income and Expenditure Account	£2327	14	1½	I. Sundry Debtors—			
				North American Contribution to December 31st, 1921	£1787	10	6	
				International Review of Missions	118	14	5	
				Sundry Debtors	209	14	2	
								£2115 19 1
				II. Funds on hand				211 15 0½
	£2327	14	1½					£2327 14 1½

LONDON, *March 20th*, 1922.—We have examined the foregoing Income and Expenditure Account and Balance Sheet with the Books and Vouchers relating thereto, and certify them to be correct.

MANN, JUDD, GORDON & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

15. **Budget for 1922.** The Secretaries reported on the steps that had been taken to present the budget for 1922 to all the National Missionary Organizations included in the Council, in accordance with the instructions of the Council (see Minute No. 41); and submitted the replies from all these National Organizations, excepting only those in Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa, expressing their approval of the budget and their acceptance of the suggested proportionate contributions from each body.

16. **Budget for 1923.** It was agreed that the Secretaries should in due time communicate with all the National Missionary Organizations in the same manner as had been done with reference to the budget of 1922.

17. **Budget for 1924.** It was agreed that the budget for the calendar year 1924 should be the same as that adopted by the Council for the years 1922 and 1923.

18. **Banking Arrangements.** The officers reported that in accordance with the instructions of the Council (see Minutes, 41 (3)), a banking account in the name of the International Missionary Council had been opened in the London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd., and that it had been arranged that cheques on this account will be honoured by the bank if signed by the Treasurer, Mr James M. Speers, or by any one of the following named persons: Mr J. H. Oldham, the Rev. A. L. Warnshuis, or Dr John H. Ritson. These arrangements were approved.

19. **Finance Committee.** It was agreed to appoint a Finance Committee, consisting of the Chairman, Treasurer, Dr Ritson, Sir Robert Williams, Bishop King, and Mr Maclennan, to deal with financial questions within the limits of the budget and of the instructions given by the Council.

20. **Auditors.** The Committee expressed its hearty thanks to the chartered accountants, Messrs Mann, Judd, Gordon and Company, for their services in auditing the Council's accounts.

21. **Miss Gibson's Services.** The Committee expressed its cordial thanks to Mr G. D. Gibson for his kindness in providing the finances which made it possible for Miss Gibson to accompany Mr and Mrs Oldham on their visit to India and the Far East.

22. **Office Furnishings.** It was agreed to authorize the secretaries to pay on behalf of the Council to the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland the sum of £303, 15s., in order to refund that Conference the amount of money advanced by it for the furnishings in the offices of the Council at Edinburgh

House, with the understanding that the rental for these offices would be proportionately reduced.

23. **'International Review of Missions.'** The Minutes of the Advisory Business Committee appointed by the Council were presented and approved. The Committee noted with satisfaction the increase in the list of subscribers, amounting to approximately one thousand names, and that it had been possible during the past year to pay the printing and other necessary expenditures from the current income.

24. **Accounts of the 'International Review of Missions.'** The audited financial statement of the *International Review of Missions* for the year ending September 30th, 1921, was presented to the Committee, and approved by it. For statement see pages 14 and 15.

25. **Act of Indemnity.** It was voted that the Committee of the Council, on behalf of the International Missionary Council, hereby agree to indemnify the Advisory Business Committee of the *International Review of Missions* and the Editors and the Business Manager, jointly and severally, against any loss which they may sustain in respect to the *Review* until the next meeting of the Council.

26. **Editorial Statement and Staff.** The editors, Mr Oldham and Miss Gollock, made brief statements regarding their work and their plans for the future of the *Review*. With a view to securing continuity in the editorial work of the *Review*, the Committee resolved to ask Miss Muriel Underhill, B.Litt., to join the staff of the *Review* in the autumn of 1923 to assist the editors, with a view to taking over further editorial responsibility in the event of Miss Gollock's withdrawal from full-time service, provided such an arrangement should after a period of experiment prove to be satisfactory to both sides.

27. **Bye-Laws.** The Committee noted that the Council had referred to it the preparation of bye-laws and rules of procedure for meetings of the Council (see Minute 42), and it was agreed that the drafting of such articles should await experience in the carrying forward of the Council's work.

28. **Conferences in the Near East.** The secretaries reported that communications had been received from the Committee of Reference and Counsel in North America, the Standing Committee in Great Britain, and the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society, appointing a Committee, consisting of Dr Mott, Convener, Dr North, Dr Patton, Dr Speer, Dr Ritson, Sir Robert Williams, Pasteur Couve, Dr Zwemer, and the Secretaries, to arrange for conferences in the Near and Middle

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW OF MISSIONS

I. *Profit and Loss Account for the Year ended September 30th*, 1921

EXPENDITURE					INCOME			
Advertising	£19	7	3		Subscription Sales received, *less* paid in advance	£1509	2	5
Books and Magazines	9	1	10		Cash Sales	16	16	0
Carriage and Postage on *Review*	184	6	6		Sales from Sundry Publications	2	16	0
Commission on Sales	181	8	5		Proceeds of Advertisements	70	17	10
Contributors' Fees	69	0	0					
Miscellaneous	7	16	10					
Miscellaneous Postages	37	7	4					
Printing of the *Review*	895	11	4					
Salaries	125	0	0					
Stationery	24	0	11					
Sundry Expenditure at New York Office	23	0	11					
				£1576 1 4				
Profit carried to Balance Sheet				23 10 11				
				£1599 12 3				£1599 12 3

II. *Balance Sheet* as at *September 30th*, 1921

LIABILITIES

I. Sundry Creditors					£481	6 4
II. Subscriptions Received in Advance					130	1 4
III. Funds as at September 30th, 1921:						
Balance at September 30th, 1920—Capital, consisting of Advances from Continuation Committee World Missionary Conference 1910		£3536	1 5			
Reserve for Interest on Capital		822	1 0			
		£4358	2 5			
Deduct—						
Accumulated Loss to September 30th, 1920 written off in accordance with Resolution at the first Meeting of the International Missionary Council held at New York in October 1921		4238	2 5			
		£120	0 0			
Deduct items shown in Balance Sheet at September 30th, 1920 now written off—						
Office Furniture	£4 1 8					
Books	13 10 4					
Preliminary Expenses	77 5 0					
		94	17 0			
		£25	3 0			
Add Balance from Profit and Loss Account for year to September 30th, 1921		23	10 11			
					48	13 11
					£660	1 7

ASSETS

I. Sundry Debtors					£264	4 11
II. Stock of Text and Cover Papers					80	15 0
III. Cash Balances:						
London Joint City and Midland Bank, Ltd.	£309	9	3			
Cash on hand	5	12	5			
					315	1 8
					£660	1 7

LONDON, *January 11th*, 1922.—We have examined the foregoing Accounts of the *International Review of Missions* for the year ended September 30th, 1921, with the Books and Vouchers, and find them correctly stated and sufficiently vouched.

MANN, JUDD, GORDON & Co.,
Chartered Accountants.

East, and with power, in conference with the national missionary bodies concerned, to co-opt others as additional members of the Committee as needed. Dr Mott reported on the work of this Committee, referring especially to the question of the dates of these proposed conferences, and the Committee agreed that to allow time for adequate preparation and for other reasons, it would be advisable to hold these conferences in the early months of the year 1924.

29. **Opium Traffic.** It was reported that the Secretaries have carried out the instructions of the Council in corresponding with the National Missionary Organizations in all the countries that are in any way directly related to the problem of suppressing the opium traffic, and have kept themselves informed regarding the actions of the Opium Commission of the League of Nations, and transmitted this information to the various National Missionary Organizations. The Committee of Reference and Counsel in North America, through their Sub-Committee on Relations with Governments, have given continued attention to this question and have taken an active part in the efforts, which have resulted in the passing of more effective legislation by the Congress of the United States. In Great Britain the Special Committee appointed for this purpose by the Conference of Missionary Societies has also been active throughout the year.

It was further reported that Mr Basil Mathews and Mr Hubert Peet had visited Geneva in April, on behalf of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain, and had attended the sessions of the Opium Commission, which they reported in the public Press in such a way as to secure widespread attention; and that as a result of this work the Opium Commission had, with the approval of the Council of the League of Nations, requested the collaboration of the International Missionary Council in securing information with reference to the traffic in opium and narcotic drugs of addiction.

Pending further consideration by the Council, the Committee agreed to authorize its officers to collaborate, so far as may be possible, with the agencies appointed by the various national Governments to bring into effect the Opium Convention adopted at the Hague in 1912.

Fourth Session, July 28th, 8.15–9 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer led by Dr Brown.

30. **Missions and Governments.** The Secretaries presented the following report on relations between Missions and Governments :—

In questions involving relations between Missions and Governments the International Missionary Council acts only through the National Missionary Organizations (see Minutes

of the Council 38 and 43). In view of the large political responsibilities of the British Government questions affecting the Missions of all countries arise more frequently with that Government than any other. In view of this fact the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain has appointed Mr Oldham Joint-Secretary of its Committee on Relations with Governments, and Mr Warnshuis has also been granted the privilege of attending the meetings of this Committee and bringing matters to its attention. The Secretaries of the Council have also kept in touch with other national organizations in their relations with Governments, and in particular during the year there has been considerable correspondence between the secretaries and the representatives of France and Belgium on the International Missionary Council.

The following matters have received the attention of the secretaries of the International Missionary Council during the past year :—

(*a*) **Religious Freedom in Egypt.** Close attention has been given to the course of the negotiations between Egypt and Great Britain and the drafting of a constitution for Egypt. The provisions which are deemed necessary to guarantee to all complete freedom of conscience and the free exercise of all forms of worship are printed in the Minutes of the Council (No. 18). The importance of these matters has been kept before the British Foreign Office and those who might influence the negotiations. The Secretaries have been in regular correspondence with the Inter-mission Council in Egypt, who have also made direct representations to the authorities in Egypt.

(*b*) **Church Property in Egypt.** As the result of negotiations with His Majesty's Government a Board of Trustees has been constituted to hold the property of the German Evangelical Union and other missionary property in Egypt. The Board includes a representative of American missionary interests in Egypt.

(*c*) **Religious Freedom in Palestine.** Steps have been taken by the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain to secure that adequate safeguards of religious liberty and missionary freedom should be included in the new Constitution that is being drafted for Palestine, and assurances have been received that the representations made will be carefully considered.

(*d*) **Tanganyika Territory.** Arrangements have advanced with regard to the property of German missions in Tanganyika Territory. The National Lutheran Council in America, having received permission from the British Government to send a commission to Tanganyika Territory, have made their report, and, the Standing Committee having concurred, the British Government have approved of the offer of the National Lutheran Council to take over the work of the Leipzig Mission, the Bielefeld Mission, and that part of the Berlin Mission situated in the vicinity of Dar-es-Salaam.

(*e*) **Kenya Colony.** The United Methodist Missionary Society is taking steps to have trustees appointed to hold the property of the Neukirchen Mission in Kenya Colony. The Africa Inland Mission is doing the same in regard to the Leipzig Mission in Kenya Colony.

(*f*) **Cameroons.** The Baptist Missionary Society sent a deputation to British Cameroons to survey the field of the German Baptist Mission and the Basel Mission. Reports have been received, and, with the approval of these two Societies, the Baptist Missionary Society is negotiating for the appointment of trustees to hold the property.

(*g*) **Hong-kong.** The property of the German missions in Hong-kong continues to be administered by the Public Custodian, but the Board of Trustees is in process of being constituted. Mr Oldham, during his visit to Hong-kong, had interviews with those nominated as members of the Board and with the Government.

(*h*) **Funds of German Missionaries.** The attention of the British Missionary Conference has been drawn to severe hardship incurred by German missionaries formerly working in India, the Gold Coast, and Hong-kong, by the retention, in the hands of Official Receivers in these territories, of the balances at the credit of the missionaries in the hands of the Basel Industrials or local banks, and steps are being taken to secure modification,

if possible, by the Colonial Office of the strict application of the provisions of the Peace Treaty to these monies.

(*i*) **Ordinances.** The ordinances excluding German subjects from the Colonies expire on varying dates in August and September of this year. In reply to enquiries the Colonial Office have announced that if and when the legislation excluding German subjects from British Colonies and Protectorates lapses, the admission of missionaries will be governed by Memoranda A, B, and C. While no general policy of excluding German missionaries will be laid down, it is understood that the policy of a Colonial or Protectorate Government will have to be determined in view of special local circumstances.

(*j*) **Regulations affecting Missionary Work in India.** The following matters were dealt with by Mr Oldham during his recent visit to India :—

(i) The attention of the National Missionary Council was called to the fact that the terms of the undertaking required from non-British missionaries under Memorandum C were giving rise in some quarters to misunderstanding and conveyed the erroneous impression that it was desired to make missionaries the political agents of Government. Representations were made on behalf of the National Missionary Council to the Government of India, and the Secretary of State has now intimated that the language of the undertaking required under Memorandum C has been revised and will in future read as follows :

> I hereby undertake to give all due obedience and respect to the lawfully constituted Government, and, while carefully abstaining from participation in political affairs, it is my desire and purpose that my influence, in so far as it may be properly exerted in such matters, should be so exerted in loyal co-operation with the Government; and in particular, if engaged in educational work, I undertake to do all in my power to promote goodwill and understanding between the people and the Government of the country, and to make those under my care law-abiding and good citizens.

(ii) Arrangements have been made by which American missionaries at present in India will receive through their Boards a certificate countersigned by an officer of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America that they are missionaries of a recognized society, which will be accepted by the Government as fulfilling clause 5 (iv.) (d) of Memorandum A.

(iii) Considerable difficulty has been experienced by continental missions in India owing to the delay in obtaining permits for their missionaries under Memorandum C. The attention of the Government was called to the difficulty, and the Secretary of State has now expressed his willingness to include societies on the continent of Europe among recognized societies if they are recommended by the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain.

(*k*) **Application of India Memoranda to other Colonies.** In the course of the past year the Colonial Office of the British Government have announced that they have adopted the Memoranda A, B, and C of the India Government, with the exception of paragraph 10 of Memorandum A, to regulate the admission of alien missionaries to British Colonies and Protectorates. The Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved a list of societies belonging to the British Missionary Conference with work in these territories, which desire recognition under this scheme. Negotiations are in progress at this time for the recognition of American societies, as provided for in Memorandum A. The procedure is therefore similar to that in force in India.

(*l*) **South Africa.** The Government of the Union of South Africa has allowed the German missionaries to remain at work in what was formerly German South-West Africa, and also in the Union of South Africa. The admission of all missionaries of non-British nationality into the Union of South Africa is controlled by the Union Government. Application for the admission of such missionaries must be made to the Department of the Interior at Pretoria through the head of their own Mission or Church in South Africa. The Council's secretaries have conferred with the representatives of that Government in London with reference to the possibility of securing a modification of these regulations, which would simplify this procedure, and this question has been referred by the High Commissioner to the Government in South Africa.

(*m*) **New Guinea.** The Australian Government, which received the mandate for former German New Guinea, has permitted German missionaries to remain in the territory. Assistance has been given to the Rhenish and Neuendettelsau Missions in arranging for passages and travelling facilities to New Guinea for six German ladies, the fiancées of German missionaries who have been in New Guinea during the war.

(*n*) **The Washington Conference.** Assistance was given in the preparation of statements describing missionary work in the Far East, explaining its character and importance. These statements were signed and submitted by the National Missionary Organizations concerned and received due consideration by the delegates of these countries attending the Conference.

(*o*) **Boxer Indemnity.** Mr Warnshuis has given considerable attention to the questions arising from the suggestions that have come from various sources with a view to the remission of the Chinese Boxer Indemnity. In accordance with the recommendations of the Educational Commission to China, appointed by the missionary societies of America and Great Britain, their efforts have been directed to the promotion of international co-operation in the development of a system of Chinese education, as contrasted with the possibility of establishing various foreign systems of schools in China.

(*p*) **Missionary Freedom in Mandated Territories.** The articles which appeared in the draft mandates classes A, B, and C, guaranteeing religious toleration and missionary freedom, were printed in full in the Council's Minutes, No. 17. The class C mandates were approved by the Council of the League of Nations in December 1920. The class B mandates were confirmed by that Council on July 18th, 1922. These include, for Great Britain, British Togoland, Cameroons, East Africa; for France, French Togoland, Cameroons; for Belgium, Belgian East Africa. Before taking this action the Council made a few amendments in the drafts, and one of these is to ensure greater freedom of conscience. At the same time, the phraseology has been altered so as to harmonize the various mandates on this point. In the negotiations between the British and the United States Governments the latter has contended that in the original drafts too great limitations had been imposed upon the rights and privileges of missionaries in the mandated areas, and consequently it was agreed to substitute for the article in question the formula accepted by the United States in the agreement with Japan relative to the Island of Yap, which is as follows :

> The Mandatory shall ensure in the territory complete freedom of conscience and the free exercise of all forms of worship which are consonant with public order and morality. Missionaries who are nationals of States Members of the League of Nations shall be free to enter the territory and to travel and reside therein, to acquire and possess property, to erect religious buildings, and to open schools throughout the territories, it being understood, however, that the Mandatory shall have the right to exercise such control as may be necessary for the maintenance of public order and good government and to take all measures required for such control.

The class A mandates were approved on July 24th, 1922. It is understood that the clauses referring to missionary freedom are as reported in the Minutes of the Lake Mohonk Meeting of the Council.

(*q*) **Conditions in Portuguese Africa.** In accordance with the instructions of the Council (see Minute No. 52) the secretaries wrote a letter to His Excellency the High Commissioner in Angola expressing the willingness of the missionary forces to co-operate with the Government in matters affecting the welfare of the natives. They have also corresponded with the societies having work in these colonies, suggesting the organization of representative committees in the field. They have learned of the existence of such a committee representing the missions in Southern Mozambique, and steps have been taken for the organization of such a committee in Angola, where a preliminary meeting was held at Lobita, May 1922. A Decree issued by the High Commissioner in Angola, December 1921, referring to foreign missions in the province and imposing restrictions upon both educational and

religious work has awakened serious concern. A statement of principles and policy concerning these questions has been drafted and submitted to the missionary societies working in Angola and to the missions in the field.

(*r*) **Conditions in French Africa.** As requested by the Council, the Chairman, Dr Mott, in consultation with the Committee of Reference and Counsel in North America, interviewed the French minister of the Colonies while he was in attendance at the Washington Conference, with reference to the removal of the prohibition of the use of native languages in the mission schools in French Equatorial Africa and the Cameroons, and the restrictions hampering missionary work in those territories. The Committee in America on Relations with Governments have continued to give further attention to these difficulties. In response to representations made by Monsieur Allégret of the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society, the prohibition of the use of native languages in the schools in the Cameroons has been at least temporarily withdrawn. In February 1922 a Decree was issued by the President of the French Republic authorizing the use of French, Latin, or the native languages of the Colonies in the exercise of public worship, but requiring the authorization of the Government for the establishment of any church or other building for public worship and forbidding any assembly for worship in any unauthorized place. Additional regulations have been issued by the Governor-General of French West Africa, in accordance with which all private schools are to be incorporated in the Government system of education and must conform with all the requirements of that system. The Council's secretaries have endeavoured to keep the societies in America, Great Britain, and Sweden informed regarding these matters, in order that they might take such action as is necessary.

Fifth Session, July 29th, 9.30 a.m.–12.45 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer led by Mrs Peabody. In the course of the forenoon a period of intercession was led by Mr Mathews.

The consideration of the report on Relations with Governments was continued.

31. **Regarding Independent Missionaries and Unaccredited Missions.** Correspondence was submitted from the General Conference of Protestant Missionaries in the Congo, and from other mission fields in Africa, with reference to difficulties arising from the action of independent missionaries.

32. **Missionary Freedom.** In view of these and other difficulties arising out of questions referred to in the foregoing memorandum, it was agreed to remit to the officers to gather material bearing on the admission of missionaries to French, Belgian, and Portuguese colonies, and freedom for missionary work in these areas; to consult with the National Missionary Organizations, and to submit a report on the whole subject to the Council at its next meeting.

33. **Centenary of the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society.** An invitation was received from the Paris Evangelical Missionary Society requesting the appointment of representatives of the International Missionary Council to attend the Centenary celebrations, November 4th–8th, 1922. It was agreed to authorize the officers to arrange

that a message of congratulations and cordial good wishes be presented on behalf of the Council on the occasion of these celebrations.

34. **Visit to India.** It was agreed that it was essential that Mr Oldham should make another visit to India during the winter of 1922–23, with a view to consultation with the National Missionary Council in regard to proposals drawn up at its last meeting.

35. **Visit to North America.** The Committee expressed its opinion that it was desirable that Mr Warnshuis should visit North America to attend the Annual Conference of Missionary Societies.

36. **Visit to South Africa.** The Committee received correspondence from the General Mission Board of the Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa and from other bodies in that field requesting that Mr Warnshuis visit South Africa during the year 1923 in the interests of missionary co-operation and policy. It was agreed that this invitation, when it has been approved on behalf of the principal missionary agencies in South Africa, should be accepted, and that arrangements should be made if possible for such a visit in 1924.

37. **Invitation to a Mid-Africa Conference.** A letter was received from the Rev. Emory Ross, Secretary of the Congo Continuation Committee, and also of the Committee appointed by the Congo Conference in Bolenge, 1921, to arrange for a Mid-Africa Conference, inviting the Committee of the Council to consider the possibility of sending a representative of the Council to the Conference which it is proposed to hold at Kampala, Uganda, in June 1924. It was agreed that the Committee is unable at the present time to arrange for the appointment of such a representative to this Conference.

38. **Suggested Inquiry regarding Language Schools.** A letter was received from individuals in America representing language schools in China and missionary training institutions in America, requesting that steps be taken by the International Missionary Council to secure a thorough study of training institutions on the mission field. While recognizing that important inquiries on the mission field regarding missionary plans and policies are generally of international interest, the Committee agreed that this request should in the first place be referred to the Committee of Reference and Counsel in North America.

39. **Proposal regarding a Day of United Prayer.** A statement was received from the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, proposing that efforts be made each year at St Andrew's Tide (30th November) to arrange for a day of universal

prayer for the evangelization of the world. The proposal had the hearty support of the Missionary Council of the National Assembly of the Church of England and of the British Missionary Conference.

After careful consideration of the proposal, it was agreed that steps should be taken to ascertain in the first instance how such a proposal would be viewed by the Foreign Missions Conference of North America, and in the event of its commending itself to that Conference, to communicate with other National Missionary Organizations. A committee, consisting of Mr Oldham, Bishop King, Dr Ritson, and Mr Maclennan, was appointed to inform the Archbishop that the Committee recognized the great importance of the proposal, and to acquaint him with the steps that are being taken.

Sixth Session, July 29th, 4.30–6.30 p.m.

The session was opened with prayer, led by Miss Gollock.

The Sub-Committee appointed at the second session to consider the financial and other questions related to the organization of National Christian Councils in the mission field reported a statement which, after amendments, was agreed to by the Committee as follows :

The Committee having received reports of the formation of a National Christian Council in China, the steps taken towards the formation of a National Christian Council in Japan and the proposed reorganization of the National Missionary Council in India, resolved to record its deep interest in those efforts.

The Committee having considered the question of the financing of these bodies, resolved to submit the following suggestions for their consideration to the National Missionary Organizations in North America, Great Britain, and the Continent, and to the National Christian Councils.

1. **Sources of Financial Support.** It is suggested that the necessary financial support must come from one or more of the following sources :

(*a*) The Churches in the country in which the Council is organized should contribute a fair proportion of these finances.

(*b*) The foreign missions in each of these fields or their home boards should also provide their proportion of these finances.

(*c*) The Committee considered the suggestion that a third source of income might be recognized in the contributions of individuals and special groups either in the countries themselves

in which these Christian Councils are organized, or in western countries. While the Committee recognizes that emergencies may arise which may make it necessary to secure such individual gifts, it deprecates any dependence upon such income, as tending to lessen the responsibilities of the Churches and Missions for making necessary provision for the support of these Councils. If and when such appeals to individuals in the judgment of the National Missionary Organizations are necessary, all due care must be taken that the officers of the missionary societies, to which such individuals are naturally related, should be consulted and should approve of the making of these appeals to the individuals in their constituency.

2. Procedure. It is suggested that the Councils present their budgets (*a*) to the Church bodies in their own field, giving earnest consideration to the discovery of the most effective methods of appealing to them; and (*b*) to the Missions in each field, in order that they may recommend to their respective Boards the making of necessary grants.

It is hoped that in forwarding such budgets the Councils may at the same time be able to give some indication of what the proportionate contribution of each Mission might well be. It may be necessary in some cases at least that these contributions from the Missions should be taken from the grants which they now receive from their home societies, and this will be a reason for urging upon the National Councils the utmost economy in framing their budgets.

At the same time the budgets, together with information showing what the Councils are submitting to the Churches and Missions in the field, should be sent to the National Missionary Organizations in western countries, both for their information and in order that they may take such action as they may deem desirable.

In case of those Missions or Boards who may have allocated workers without charge to the service of a National Council, due regard should be had to the relief thus afforded to the budget.

The payment by the Boards and Missions of such contributions as they grant may be arranged either as a payment from the Boards direct to the National Councils in the field, or transmitted through the usual channel of the Mission treasurer. Whatever method is adopted, it will be important to make clear that these

contributions be charged to the account of expenditures on the field and not included in the expenses of home administration.

3. **Field Budgets.** With reference to the preparation of the budget by each National Christian Council, the following principles should be observed :—

(*a*) The budget should be prepared not less than three years in advance, in order to afford the time necessary to secure action by the Missions and Boards on the field and in the sending countries. The adoption of this method will also tend to secure the assurance well in advance of the continued support of the work of the Councils.

(*b*) It is desirable that the Councils aim to include in one budget all the expenditures for the activities of National Missionary Organizations in their respective fields, so that there may be only one appeal each year from each field to the Churches and Missionary agencies. In preparing the budget it will be important to distinguish between (i) the expenses of the administration of the Councils and such National Interdenominational Organizations as are affiliated to it, *e.g.*, the national educational, medical, or other associations, to which all the co-operating Churches and Missions may be expected to contribute ; and (ii) other forms of co-operative work which may be undertaken by the Councils on behalf of a number of Missions and Churches, to which only those Churches and Missions that participate in these lines of work will contribute.

(*c*) It is understood that the Councils will not incur debts which may become an obligation upon the Christian Churches in their fields or upon other co-operating bodies, and that they will not assume financial obligations for expenditures for any given year beyond the amount available for the preceding year, except as the funds for such increase in expenditures may have been assured.

40. **Publicity.** A discussion took place regarding the means by which the Missionary Societies and Boards and their supporting constituencies might be made better acquainted with the questions engaging the attention of the International Missionary Council.

It was suggested that an occasional paper might be issued for circulation among members of the Boards, and if it seemed desirable, among missionaries, giving some account of these questions.

It was further suggested that it would help to relate the work

of the International Missionary Council more directly to that of the Boards if questions involving missionary co-operation, such as those which come under the purview of the International Missionary Council, could be given a definite place on the agenda of Mission Boards.

It was recognized that the task of educating the supporting constituencies in regard to the larger questions confronting the missionary movement at the present time was one of great importance calling for serious inquiry and thought.

Seventh Session, 8.15–10.30 *p.m.*

The session was opened with prayer, led by Sir Robert Williams.

41. **Next Meeting of the Council.** On behalf of the Conference of Missionary Societies in Great Britain and Ireland, Dr Ritson presented an invitation to the Council to hold its next meeting in Great Britain, and it was agreed to accept this invitation with hearty appreciation.

In regard to the date of the next meeting, it was reported that the Committee of Reference and Counsel desired that the meeting should not take place earlier than July 15th. Attention was called, on the other hand, to the fact that an earlier date in July would facilitate the attendance of Oriental delegates, who were expected to visit Europe next summer. The dates of various important ecclesiastical gatherings in Europe were also reported to the Committee. After full consideration, it appeared that the date most likely to be generally convenient was July 3rd–11th, 1923, and it was decided to hold the meeting on these dates. It was agreed, however, that if information should reach the officers that the date selected would seriously prejudice the representation from North America, they should be empowered to arrange for the meeting to begin on July 10th.

42. **Co-opted Members.** It was agreed to refer to the officers the co-option of the ten members provided for in the Constitution.

It was agreed to authorize the officers to secure if possible the presence of a representative of the Eastern Churches, who, because of his relationship to foreign missionary work, might be helpful in considering some of the missionary problems to be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

43. **Expenses of the Council Meeting.** Inasmuch as the budget of the Council makes no provision for expense in connexion with the

holding of the next meeting, it was agreed to authorize the officers to take such steps as may be necessary to make special provision for extraordinary expenses in connexion with the meeting in 1928, including assistance in providing travelling expenses for the delegates from the mission field.

44. **Programme.** Consideration was given to the programme of the next meeting of the Council. A number of suggestions were made and noted. It was agreed to refer the preparation of the agenda of the meeting to the officers in consultation with members of the Committee and the various National Missionary Organizations.

45. **Travelling Expenses.** The Finance Committee was requested to consider the question of the travelling expenses of members attending this meeting of the Committee, and to take such action as they may deem necessary.

46. **Resolutions of Thanks.** The Committee adopted a letter expressing to the Archbishop of Canterbury and Mrs Davidson very great and sincere thanks for their gracious hospitality in placing the Old Palace at the disposal of the Committee for this meeting. This letter was signed by all the members of the Committee.

It was also agreed to express to the Standing Committee of the British Conference and to the family of the late Sir George MacAlpine very sincere thanks for the hearty welcome and generous hospitality extended to the Committee both in the luncheon and meeting in London and also in connexion with the meetings in Canterbury.

47. **Minutes.** The Minutes of this Meeting of the Committee were referred to Dr Ritson and the Secretaries, who are authorized to approve them with power to make the necessary editorial corrections.

48. **Adjournment.** In closing the Meeting the Committee united in a period of intercession, led by Bishop King.

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